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Enclosed are:

1. 17 sheets of specification, 7 sheet of claims, and 1 sheet of abstract.
2. 7 sheets of drawings (Figs 1-10).
3. An Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 List of References; copies of each U.S. patent, or patent publication listed on the modified PTO Form 1449 are not enclosed pursuant to Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003.
5. Continuing application information:

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. **10/680,460, filed on October 6, 2003**; and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to German Patent Application No. **103 31 727.9 filed on July 11, 2003**.
6. Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior applications are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference herein.
7. A Preliminary Amendment.

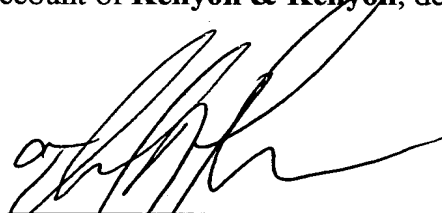
8. A copy of the executed Declaration from prior application 10/680,460 is enclosed.
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